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PASS AGRICULTURE ELECTRONICALLY FOR FAS SAYLOR AND
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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WHEAT NEGOTIATIONS

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER RECEIVED BY AGATT OFFICE
AUGUST 15 FROM IWC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JOHN PAROTTE:
"I HAVE NOW HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE, AMBASSADOR DUNKEL, THE
POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE
DESIRABILITY OF CIRCULATING THE DOCUMENTS, REFERRED
TO IN MY LETTER OF 9 AUGUST, IN TIME FOR THE MEETING
OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE BEGINNING ON 16 OCTOBER.

THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL BE HELD HERE ON MONDAY AND
TUESDAY, 18 AND 19 SEPTEMBER, STARTING AT 3 P.M. ON
THE MONDAY. REPRESENTATIVES FROM ARGENTINA,
AUSTRALIA, CANADA, EEC, JAPAN AND THE US ARE INVITED.

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SINCE THE MEETING WILL BE VERY INFORMAL, PARTICI-
PATION WILL BE LIMITED TO TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM
EACH COUNTRY.

IN ADDITION TO THE POSSIBLE FORM AND CONTENT OF THE
DOCUMENTS TO BE CIRCULATED TO THE INTERIM COMMITTEE,
THE CHAIRMAN WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE WAY IN WHICH

THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD PROCEED AND ALSO THE
IMPORTANT QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES."

2. ABOVE LETTER ALSO SENT TO LONDON AGRICULTURE REPS OF
CANADA, AUSTRALIA, ARGENTINA, JAN AND TO JACQUOT, EC,
BRUSSELS. ACCORDING TO PAROTTE'S OFFICE (PAROTTE IS ON
HOLIDAY UNTIL SEPT 4 AND CANNOT BE REACHED) LETTER AND
DOCUMENTS (SEE REFS A & B) HAVE NOT BEEN DISTRIBUTED
ELSEWHERE.

3. UNABLE TO CONTACT OTHER LONDON-BASED AG REPS WITH
EXCEPTION JAPAN (HATA) WHO IS WAITING REACTION FROM
TOKYO.

4. IWC SECRETARIAT STAFF IN THE DARK AS TO ARRANGEMENTS
FOR MEETING. PAROTTE'S SECRETARY UNDER IMPRESSION THAT
SEPT 18-19 DATES CONFORMED WITH DUNKEL'S SCHEDULE AND
AVAILABILITY OF MEETING FACILITIES, AND NOT TO PRE-
DETERMINED CONSENSUS AMONG PARTICIPANTS. IT IS POSSIBLE,
FOR EXAMPLE, THAT CANADA (MINER) IS NOT YET AWARE OF
MEETING AS COPY OF PAROTTE'S LETTER AND DOCUMENTS WERE
ONLY FORWARDED BY CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION, LONDON TO
OTTAWA ON AUG 15.

5. PARKER CONTACTED CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN DUNKEL WHO
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CONFIRMED THAT SEPT 18-19 DATES WERE SELECTED BY DUNKEL/
PAROTTE WITHOUT CONSULTING PARTICIPANTS. DUNKEL'S

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PERSONAL SCHEDULE HAS NOW SHIFTED AND HE IS NOT CERTAIN AS TO HIS ATTENDANCE AT SEPT 18-19 MEETING. HE IS CONSIDERING POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE DATES SEPT 28-29.

6. WHILE SUGGESTING THAT LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IS UP TO INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS, DUNKEL MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE HOPES FOR WASHINGTON REPRESENTATION. COMMUNITY HAS INFORMED HIM THAT THEY ARE SENDING JACQUOT WITH POSSIBILITY OF PIZUTTI. DUNKEL ALSO EXPECTS UKAWA TO ATTEND.

7. THE MAIN TASK OF MEETING WOULD BE TO CONSIDER DRAFT DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY IWC SECRETARIAT (WHICH DUNKEL SAYS HE HAS NOT READ) AND TO DECIDE WHETHER SUCH DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO FULL INTERIM COMMITTEE FOR USE AS DISCUSSION BASIS AT OCT 16 MEETING. IN ADDITION, DUNKEL HOPES THAT SEPT DELEGATES WOULD ELIMINATE TEXT MATERIAL FROM DOCUMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE VIEWED AS "PROVOCATIVE".

8. DUNKEL WILL CALL AGATT OFFICE MONDAY AUGUST 21 WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UPDATE OF HIS OWN SCHEDULE. HE HOPES TO LEARN AT THAT TIME U.S. REACTION TO USEFULLNESS OF SEPT MEETING.

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